GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2601
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2008
NEGOTIATION WITH ULFA
Chaliha Shri Kirip;Subba Shri Moni Kumar

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of status of talks held between the Government and People Consultative Group formed by ULFA;

(b) the details of issues discussed and outcomes thereof during the said talks;and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2601 FOR 16.12.2008 REGARDING NEGOTIATION WITH ULFA.

(a) to (c): Three rounds of talks with People's Consultative Group (PCG) set up by United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) had been held on 26.10.2005, 7.2.2006 and 22.6.2006 respectively. Efforts with People's Consultative Group representatives for holding these talks were continued even after three rounds through mutual initiatives.Government had also declared unilateral Suspension of Operations (SoO) by Army against ULFA from 13.8.2006 to 20.9.2006 with a view create a conducive atmosphere for holding of peace talks.Since there was no direct response from ULFA and reports were received of regrouping,new raising,movement of stores/arms,violence and extortion by ULFA cadres,Counter Insurgency Operations against ULFA have been resumed.

The Government is open to talks with any militant group including ULFA provided they shun violence.The Government has not received any formal proposal from ULFA for direct talks.